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RE: *Stewartstown Railroad Company – Adverse Abandonment – In York County, PA,*
STB Docket No. AB-1071

Dear Ms. Brown:

This is in response to the Stewartstown Railroad Company ("SRC") letter dated February 27, 2012, in which SRC agrees to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking with the York County Rail Trail Authority for its entire 7.4-mile rail line (the "Line") extending from M.P. 0.0 at New Freedom, PA, to milepost 7.4 at Stewartstown, PA, or any portion thereof subject to certain conditions.

As applicant for adverse abandonment of the Line, the Estate of George M. Hart ("Estate") stated in its September 6, 2011 rebuttal filing,

if no financially bona fide [offeror] comes forward on a timely basis to acquire the SRC Line in the interest of preserving its legally "active" common carrier status, then the Estate has no objection to efforts to acquire possession of the SRC Line via the Board-administered interim trail use provisions, provided of course, that trails use negotiations are conducted [and concluded] promptly, in good faith, and in a manner that would not defraud SRC's creditors.¹

¹ Estate Rebuttal Statement at page 44.

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The Estate emphasized in its rebuttal that it would need to be an integral part of trail use negotiations in view of its interest in this proceeding.

At this point, all other aspects of the Estate's affairs have been concluded with the exception of the indebtedness that is the basis for this proceeding. In the circumstances it is hoped that the Board very soon will issue a decision on the merits of the Estate's adverse abandonment application, and that this latest communication from SRC will not serve to delay such a decision.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith G. O'Brien", written over the typed name.

Keith G. O'Brien

Attorney for the Estate of George M. Hart

cc: Alex Snyder
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